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## Service members honored at recognition luncheon

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The month of May is recognized as Hawaii Military Appreciation Month. As part of that tradition, the 28th Annual Military Recognition Luncheon was held May 9 at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

Representatives from all military branches, including active duty, retired and Reserve members, and their families attended the luncheon, which was sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii.

The luncheon began with a welcome speech from Jim Tollefson, president and chief executive officer of the Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii, followed by a parading of colors by the Joint Services Color Guard, during which several former service members rendered salutes.

During the colors ceremony, Janelle Holz of U.S. Coast Guard 14th District provided a rendition of the National Anthem and Hawai'i Pono'i—the state's song.

The main ceremony began with the presentation of outstanding service members who received community service awards. The ceremony recognized military personnel for their dedication and devotion of their time to the local communities, such as coaching and mentoring in schools, doing beach cleanups, serving meals to the homeless and other valuable services.

"All our services are linked to the community at every level," said Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific. "This is yet another great opportunity to get together, to see how we can bridge this rela-

tionship, reinforce it and advance it forward."

Master-at-Arms 1st Class Paul S. Mobley, assistant leading petty officer for the security harbor patrol unit at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, represented the Navy in receiving the award.

"I am very honored to be recognized and that my hard work for the past year had paid off," said Mobley, who also advised service members to "try to do everything, break out of your comfort zone, and make the difference."

The future military leaders, high school seniors and select service members who were chosen as the 2013 appointees to the military service academies were also recognized and each was presented with a traditional Hawaiian lei.

Ponds joined Rear Adm. Charles W. Ray, commander of U.S. Coast Guard 14th District, in congratulating the young men and women on their choice to serve their country and to lead future generations of military personnel.

"Today we recognize appointees who will attend service academies," said Ponds. "From my point of view, for those who have served in uniform, are serving or will serve, this shows tremendous commitment by young men and women that they want to serve their nation, they want to serve their country, to do good, and I am so proud to have them among us."

"It is pretty exciting and a once-in-a-life time opportunity," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Andrew Tamez, assigned to First Battalion Third Marines, Marine Corps Base Hawaii, and one of the 2013 attendees recognized. "I want to go and explore, as I have never been to the East Coast. I am excited to go and see Washington, D.C. and Maryland. I've heard so many great things about,"

said Tamez, who plans to attend the Naval Academy.

He also offered a word of advice to service members who are interested in becoming a leader.

"Ask questions, ask questions, and ask questions," he said.

"You learn most by asking the questions. Don't be afraid to do so and if no one wants to or if they can't help you, look for answers yourself. I looked for answers and when I found them, informed my chain of command so they can help other Sailors who ask for help," Tamez noted.

Upon completion of the official ceremonies, Ray thanked all service members present and those serving everywhere for their commitment and dedication.

The luncheon concluded with a rendition of songs from each branch of service, performed by the Army's 25th Infantry Division.



Service members of all military branches prepare to receive the Outstanding Service Members in Community Service awards during the 28th Annual Hawaii Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village.

## Hawaii Airman comes home



Photo courtesy of Honolulu Star Advertiser

Air Force pallbearers, led by Rev. David Hirano of Central Union Church, bring the flag-draped casket of Air Force Capt. Reid Nishizuka for a burial service at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl. Nishizuka was killed in the line of duty in a plane crash in Afghanistan. (See additional photo on page A-5.)

## Aliamanu students show appreciation to service members

Story and photo by  
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Students at Aliamanu Elementary School held a military appreciation event May 10 for service members from various area commands. The commands in attendance were Navy Information Operations Command Hawaii, USS Port Royal (CG 73) and the Air Force 747th Communication Squadron and CID Learning Site Hawaii.

Before the start of the event, students in grades first through

sixth paraded through the school grounds, giving "high-fives" to the seated military guests.

The event, held annually at the school, is a way for the students to show their appreciation to the service members for their sacrifice. The program started with the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" as well as the school song "Aliamanu."

"This is our school's annual event, and it's very important for the students throughout the school year," said Valerie Kamemoto, school principal. "The men and women that comes out to support our (school) events are very

much appreciated by our students. The fact that they're here for the students makes them do better."

Leilani Reyes, parent community networking coordinator, thanked the service members for helping the school with projects such as weedwhacking, painting hopscoches, building shelves, cutting plexiglass and the general cleanup of the school.

Reyes introduced Col. Dann Carlson, commander of 647th Air Base Group and deputy commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy



Students at Aliamanu Elementary School perform "This Land is Your Land" for Sailors and Airmen. (See additional photo on page A-5.)

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## Zoo offers 'wild' time for military on Sunday

Military Appreciation Month is observed and celebrated each May to provide the people of the nation with an opportunity to publicly express thanks to military service members.

Several events on Oahu have been scheduled to commemorate Military Appreciation Month. They include:

• May 19, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Military Appreciation Day hosted by the Honolulu Council Navy League will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Honolulu Zoo. The event will feature free entry for military ID cardholders and their families (one military ID card per family). The event will also include free pizza, ice cream, watermelon, water, games and performances.

The Pearl Harbor Navy Exchange (NEX) will offer free parking and bus service from the NEX every hour from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with pickup at the big white tent.

Free parking and a shuttle bus ser-

vice will also be located at Kapiolani Community College. For more information, contact Elaine Ota at ota.elaine@yahoo.com or 486-9640.

• May 30, 7:30 to 9 a.m., "Celebrating the Military Family" at Hilton Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom. Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard is scheduled to speak. The Marine Forces Pacific Band, a color guard and Henry Kaponu are scheduled to participate.



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# JBPHH enacts strict new speeding regulations

**Brandon Bosworth**

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Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) is taking steps to keep the base safer by instituting tough new traffic regulations.

Speeders in particular will face stiff penalizes for violating base speed limits. Drivers will be ticketed for going just one mph above the posted limit. Those going eight mph or more above the posted limit will face even harsher consequences: A 30-day suspension of base driving privileges, and a third will result in a permanent loss of driving privileges.

Speeding remains a key safety concern at JBPHH and throughout the nation. According to the Governors Highway Safety Assoc-

iation, one-third of traffic fatalities involve speeding.

In Hawaii, traffic fatalities are the leading cause of death by injury, according to the state Department of Health. On average, one person dies on Hawaii's roads every three days, and about 28 people are injured in traffic crashes on a daily basis. Speed remains the most common factor in traffic fatalities.

Despite this, drivers continue to speed.

"In the last 10 days, the JBPHH department has issued over 150 speeding tickets," said Christopher D.E. Hurst, senior master sergeant, USAF JB23 Operations Superintendent. "In the last six months, the security department has issued 53 tickets for going 15 miles over the posted speed limit."

Drivers on JBPHH going eight or more mph above the posted speed limit will

now have their base driving privileges revoked for 30 days on the first offense.

Excessive speeding is not the only traffic violation that can now result in a suspension of base driving privileges.

For example, distracted drivers will also face tough sanctions. Utilizing a cell phone or other portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle is prohibited on base. Factory installed Bluetooth systems that operate through the speaker system of the vehicle are authorized.

Using GPS systems can be risky as well.

"Operating a GPS while driving can constitute as distracted driving," said Hurst. "It is recommended personnel have their location inputted prior to driving. If a change of location is needed, the driver should legally park and

input the change."

The revised base traffic regulations reflect continuing efforts to make JBPHH safer.

"Safety is a high priority. We have a very high density of pedestrians and vehicles on base," said Capt. Jeffrey James, commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. "We have lots of Airmen, Sailors, civilians and their families out and about, walking and driving."

"The driving factor behind the change in policy is the security department discovered there was an apparent hazard to public safety (such as speeding, driving while talking in cell phone, not wearing seatbelts) and therefore felt it needed to act in an aggressive manner to emphasize failure to obey the base traffic regulation will not be tolerated," said Hurst.

## Updated regulations and sanctions

In a concerted effort to improve safety for the base population, substantive changes to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam traffic regulations have been made.

Effective immediately, the following offenses will result in serious sanctions:

- Failure of operator or occupants to use restraint devices such as seatbelts in a motor vehicle.
- Failure to properly restrain children in a child restraint system in a motor vehicle.
- Excessive speeding (eight mph or greater above posted speed limit).
- Failure to wear required personal protective equipment (PPE) while operating or riding a motorcycle.
- Permitting an unlicensed person to operate a motor vehicle.
- Utilizing a cell phone or other portable electronic device while operating a motor vehicle.
- Reckless driving.

Sanctions will be imposed immediately and include:

- 1st offense - 30-day suspension of base driving privileges.
- 2nd offense – One-year suspension of base driving privileges.
- 3rd offense - Permanent suspension of base driving privileges.

# Juster relieves Ray as O'Kane commanding officer

**Ensign Calvin A. Sessions**

*USS O'Kane Public Affairs Officer*

Cmdr. James J. Juster relieved Cmdr. Michael E. Ray as commanding officer of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during a traditional change of command ceremony held May 10 at pier B-17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

Juster, former executive officer of O'Kane, is the ship's 10th commanding officer since commissioning on Oct. 23, 1999.

"It's been my honor and privilege to serve with this very talented crew in O'Kane during the past 18 months. I'm very much looking forward to the challenges and opportunities



U.S. Navy photo by FCI Shod Williams

Capt. Christopher Bushnell (center), deputy commander of Destroyer Squadron 31, watches as Cmdr. James J. Juster (right) relieves Cmdr. Michael E. Ray (left) as commanding officer of USS O'Kane (DDG 77) during a traditional change of command ceremony May 10 at pier B-17 at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam.

we'll face together in the months to come," Juster said.

For Ray, the ceremony marked the end of a successful 18-month command tour highlighted by a seven-and-a-half month deployment to U.S. 5th and U.S. 7th Fleets where O'Kane conducted numerous missions.

These included two joint air defense exercises and multiple missions with various carrier strike groups. Ray reported to USS O'Kane in April 2010 as executive officer prior to taking command in November 2011.

"Every CO wants to leave the ship in better material condition than he inherited which is a challenge as the ship ages and sometimes rusts underneath your

feet," Ray explained to the guests and crew.

"Look around and you will see a ship in excellent condition, on track for 20 more years of service," he said.

Ray reflected on his tour. "And to the 280 men and women who carry Adm. O'Kane's legacy each and every day: I have asked an awful lot of you and have been able to offer so little in return. Please know that the smiles on your faces, the spring in your step and the crisp execution of every task is what makes this ship, in my utterly biased opinion, the pride of the waterfront," he said.

Ray's next assignment will be in Newport, R.I. where he will serve as executive officer at the surface warfare officer school.



# Diverse Views



## What is your favorite Asian or Hawaiian food?

**Wilson White**

*Ship's Serviceman 2nd Class, JBPHH*

"My favorite Asian food is pho, because they have all kinds of different flavors. It's magnificent."



**Maj. Kathleen Izon**

*48th Aerial Port Squadron*



"Hawaii is so diverse and there are so many flavors to enjoy. I like Hawaiian, Filipino and Korean food. The dishes are so tasty, and each culture uses flavors that are unique and wonderful to one's palate."

**Douglas Heaton**

*AMSEC/SEMAT*

"I love lumpia. It's good appetizers."



**Master Sgt. Jeff Zidek**

*HQ PACAF*



"I have really expanded my idea of what good food is since I have been in Hawaii. Picking a favorite is difficult, however, I have learned to love this tasty simple food *poi*. My kids love it and I do, too."

**Alexander Simpson**

*Airman 1st Class, 613th Air and Space Operations Center*



"I really don't have much of a taste for exotic or foreign foods, but I have really gained a taste for *kalua* pork."

**Frank Sadler**

*AMSEC/SEMAT*



"Coming from the mainland of United States, I never tried *char siu* and *char siu* was something I found that I really enjoy."

**Tom Valle**

*AMSEC/SEMAT*



"Believe it or not, I like durian fruit that's over in Southeast Asia. It smells like baby poop, but it tastes delicious. It's expensive and it's hard to get but I do like it very much."

**Joshua Brice**

*Information Systems Technician 1st Class*



"I have to go with the Korean fried chicken from Zippy's. I don't know what sauce that is that they put in, but it is amazing."

**Andrea Gordon**

*Ship's Serviceman 1st Class*



"I like *kalua* pork because it tastes wonderful."

**Osasumwen Izevbogie**

*1st Lt. 15th Wing*



"My favorite Asian food has to be the Korean short ribs. I haven't found my favorite spot in Hawaii yet, but I've got time."

(Provided by David Underwood Jr. and MC2 Nardel Gervacio).

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## Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense System completes successful intercept flight test in Hawaii

### Missile Defense Agency

The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and U.S. Navy Sailors aboard the USS Lake Erie (CG-70) successfully conducted a flight test of the Aegis Ballistic Missile Defense (BMD) system, resulting in the intercept of a separating ballistic missile target over the Pacific Ocean by the Aegis BMD 4.0 Weapon System and a Standard Missile-3 (SM-3) Block IB missile.

At 5:25 p.m. (Hawaii time, 11:25 p.m. EDT) May 15, a separating short-range ballistic missile target was launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Hawaii. The target flew northwest toward a broad ocean area of the Pacific Ocean.

Following target launch, USS Lake Erie (CG-70) detected and tracked the missile with its onboard AN/SPY-1 radar. The ship, equipped with the second-generation Aegis BMD weapon system, developed a fire control solution and launched the SM-3

Block IB missile. The SM-3 maneuvered to a point in space based on guidance from Aegis BMD weapons systems and released its kinetic warhead. The kinetic warhead acquired the target reentry vehicle, diverted into its path, and, using only the force of a direct impact, engaged and destroyed the target.

Initial indications are that all components performed as designed. Program officials will assess and evaluate system performance based upon telemetry and other data obtained during the test. This test exercised the latest version of the second-generation Aegis BMD weapon system and standard missile, providing capability for engagement of longer-range and more sophisticated ballistic missiles.

Wednesday's event, designated Flight Test Maritime-19 (FTM-19), was the third consecutive successful intercept test of the Aegis BMD 4.0 Weapon System and the SM-3 Block IB guided missile. Previous successful ABMD 4.0 SM-3 Block IB inter-

cepts occurred on May 9, 2012 and June 26, 2012.

Other Aegis BMD intercepts have employed the ABMD 3.6 and 4.0 with the SM-3 Block IA missile, which is currently operational on U.S. Navy ships deployed across the globe.

FTM-19 is the 25th successful intercept in 31 flight test attempts for the Aegis BMD program since flight testing began in 2002. Across all ballistic missile defense System programs, this is the 59th successful hit-to-kill intercept in 74 flight tests since 2001.

Aegis BMD is the naval component of the MDA's ballistic missile defense system. The Aegis BMD engagement capability defeats short-to intermediate-range, unitary and separating, midcourse-phase ballistic missile threats with the Standard Missile-3 (SM-3), as well as short-range ballistic missiles in the terminal phase with the SM-2 Block IV missile. The MDA and the U.S. Navy cooperatively manage the Aegis BMD program.



U.S. Navy photo

Block 1B interceptor is launched from the USS Lake Erie (CG 70) during a Missile Defense Agency and U.S. Navy test in the mid-Pacific. The SM-3 Block 1B successfully intercepted a target missile that had been launched from the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Barking Sands, Kauai, Hawaii.

## Events scheduled to observe Memorial Day

Several events have been scheduled across Oahu in observance of Memorial Day.

They include:

- May 26, 10 a.m., World War I Memorial Ceremony at Waikiki Natatorium.
- May 26, 10 a.m., Pacific American Foundation ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery.
- May 26, 5 p.m. Vietnam Veterans' Candlelight Memorial Ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery.
- May 27, 8:45 a.m., Mayor's ceremony at Punchbowl Cemetery.
- May 27, 1 p.m., Governor's ceremony at the State Veteran's Cemetery in Kaneohe.

## Sailor captures award for bicentennial cake



Photo by PH2 Doug Cunningham, U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command

Mess Management Specialist Romeo Basmayor captures the grand award overall in the military division with his bicentennial celebration cake. The "Red, White and Blue" 200-pound-cake took Basmayor three days to make for the Fourth of July, 1976.



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# Navy embraces inclusion, remembers Inouye’s legacy during Heritage Month

**Navy Office of Diversity and Inclusion Public Affairs**

The Navy joins our nation in celebrating the contributions of generations of patriots during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month throughout May.

The Navy announced this year’s national theme is “Building Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion.”

Inclusion is a recognition that diversity of ideas, experiences, areas of expertise and backgrounds contribute significantly to the Navy’s ability to fulfill its variety of missions, both today and in the future.

Asians and Pacific Islanders of various nationalities and ancestry have been serving in our Navy since the early 19th century. Asians and Pacific Islanders have continued to be at the



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Betty J. Squatrito-Martin  
U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye speaks at the F-22 Raptor arrival ceremony July 9 on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam. Inouye was on hand to help usher in a new era between the Hawaii Air National Guard and active duty Air Force.

forefront as leaders in every aspect of American life, including late Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, Hawaii’s first Congressman and the first Japanese American to serve in Congress.

Having enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 17 and serving during World War II, Inouye was a great champion of all the armed forces throughout his career. He received the Medal of Honor for his extraordinary heroism and indomitable leadership during an engagement in World War II. On Dec. 17, 2012, Inouye passed away, leaving behind a noted legacy of leadership and a drive to enhance inclusion in our armed forces and across our country.

In 2013, Sailors of Asian and Pacific Islander heritage comprise 6.5 percent of our active duty naval force. More than 20,000 active duty Sailors, 4,000 Reservists and 18,900 Navy civilian employees identify as Asian American

or Pacific Islander, including 10 flag officers, nine members of the senior executive service (SES), and 176 master chief petty officers. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders encompass more than 50 ethnic and language groups, representing a vast array of cultures, nationalities and historical roots.

Directed by Congress in 1978 and established by presidential proclamation in 1979, Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week was first observed the week of May 4, 1979. In 1990, President George H. W. Bush expanded the observance to encompass the entire month and in 1992, Congress passed a law permanently designating May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

For more information about the history of Asian and Pacific Islanders and their numerous contributions to the Navy, visit <http://ow.ly/l4sUc>



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Michael A. Lantron  
U.S. Sen. Daniel Inouye, (fourth from left) helps break ground during a ceremony for the new Hawaii Regional Security Operations Center complex at the U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific on Aug. 30, 2007.



Department of Defense photo by U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Michael R. Holzworth  
U.S. Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. Navy Capt. Jeffrey James, commander, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, and U.S. Navy Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander of Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, participate in a traditional Hawaiian blessing from Kahu, Kordell Kekoa during an Oct. 24, 2012, grand opening ceremony for the new Ford Island Child Development Center (CDC).



# Pearl Harbor-Hickam*Highlights*

Photo courtesy of Honolulu Star Advertiser  
Friends and family members console each other at the service for Capt. Reid Nishizuka, who was killed in the line of duty in a plane crash in Afghanistan. Nishizuka was buried at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific at Punchbowl with military honors.



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio  
Rear Adm. Frank Ponds, commander, Navy Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific, and Valarie Kamemoto, principal at Aliamanu Elementary School, look through the students' poster banners honoring military service members during a military appreciation event.



U.S. Navy photo by MC3 Class Diana Quinlan  
(Left) Retired military service members salute during presentation of colors at the 28th Annual Hawaii Military Recognition Luncheon at the Hilton Hawaiian Village. In May of every year, numerous activities are held across the Hawaiian Islands to honor and thank service members and their families for their service and commitment.

U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio  
(Above) Command Master Chief Jay Stuckey reviews Culinary Specialist 1st Class Joven Banayat's service record during a package review workshop for board-eligible first class petty officers. The workshop teaches Sailors to evaluate the individual's service record and identify any missing information prior to the E-7 selection board in June. More than 150 Sailors attended the April 25 briefing about the boards and more than 100 Sailors received individual records reviews.



U.S. Navy photos by MC3 Diana Quinlan  
Sailors and Seabees assigned to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH) compete in a fire truck pull exercise during a fitness and health fair outside the JBPHH Fitness Center. Military service members, Department of Defense civilians and contractors participated in the fitness and health fair, which included a 200-foot fire truck pull by six-person teams.



# Ancient fishponds of Pearl Harbor give insight into Hawaiian history

Becky Hommon

Environmental Counsel,  
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Arriving today at Pearl Harbor by vehicle or entering Pearl Harbor from the sea, our senses tell us we're entering an urban, densely populated area. The high-rise structures, the houses packed one beside the other, the 24-hour lights and the sounds of almost constant traffic communicate that many people live on this island of Oahu. Can we imagine what those who came before us saw more than a hundred years ago, as they came upon the shoreline of what we know today as Pearl Harbor?

Today's navigational chart for Pearl Harbor, Chart 19266, shows Tripod Reef to the west and Ahua Reef to the east as well as an airstrip commonly called the "Reef Runway," which was built in the 1970s.

The 36th edition of this chart, dated Jan. 12, 2002, includes on its other side a historical chart, Chart 4107, published in 1915, "compiled from surveys by officers of the U.S. Navy in 1897."

Chart 4107 includes Tripod and Ahua reefs, but, of course, does not show today's Reef Runway. Also absent are the piers and dry-docks.

The peninsula where today's Fleet Logistics Center sits is shown as an island marked Kuahua, connected to the main body of land by "Loko Kunana."

Across Chart 4107, the word *loko* appears again and again, the largest being "*Loko Hanaloa*" on Waipio Peninsula. On the area we today call Pearl City Peninsula are four areas marked *loko*. The chart also shows a number of crescent structures just off shore creating small bays against the shoreline. The shore was described at that time as covered with *algaroba*, another name for mesquite or *kiawe*, and bushes.

Historical and archaeological studies tell us that these *loko* and walls are ancient Hawaiian fishponds. Research reveals that more than 20 fishponds once lined the shores of Pearl Harbor. Core



U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Nardel Gervacio

Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal Kyle Dewey of EOD Detachment Pacific and Tom Clements, outreach manager for Navy Region Hawaii Public Affairs, discuss the features of Okiokilepe Fishpond near the entrance of Pearl Harbor on May 7. Okiokilepe's wall of coral chunks is one of the last visible remnants of Pearl Harbor's former fishponds. The pond and wall, estimated to be approximately 600 years old, are on the National Register of Historic Places.

samples indicate that many of Pearl Harbor's fishponds were in use sometime after the 1400s. Others were constructed between the 16th and late 19th centuries.

"These fishponds give us an insight into what life might have been like here at Pearl Harbor hundreds of years ago," said Brian Wong, a member of Navy Region Hawaii's strategy and future requirements program.

Unknown elsewhere in Polynesia, shoreline fishponds made of rock or coral walls are considered to be a highly effective food production invention of the native Hawaiian people. At one time, an estimated 360 fishponds across the chain of the Hawaiian Islands produced a projected million kilograms of fish each year, mostly for the use of the chiefs and their various entourages.

"I'm amazed at the number of cabbage-sized rocks used in the construction of these walls. Just thinking of the number of people and effort that took place more than 600 years ago is impressive," said Tom Clements, outreach manager for Navy Region Hawaii

Public Affairs.

The fish species cultivated were likely mullet (*ama'ama*) and milkfish (*awa*). Immature fish were collected and put into the pond. The walls intentionally let the water flow in and out. As the fish grew, they were held in place behind a sluice gate known as a *makaha*, made of closely spaced stakes. The *makaha* allowed the water to rise and fall with the tides while it kept out the larger predators. Once grown, the fish were harvested.

Revered Hawaiian scholar Mary Kawena Pukui's "*Olelo Noeau*, Hawaiian Proverbs & Poetical Sayings" contains a number of references to fishponds. Some of the expressions use a fishpond as an analogy to a beautiful woman or a valued asset. The heron, watching or reaching for the fish in the fishpond, is equated to a spy or a romantic competitor.

Another tells of a fishpond that was once reserved for precious fish but in time was tainted by a less valuable species. Teaching the value of hard work, the fish-

pond's caretaker is allowed to take home the shrimp and crabs from the pond, although the fish belong to the owner. Appropriate for military education, the speaker suggests that the sluice gate be opened to allow the enemy to enter and then closed to trap the intruder like fish inside the pond.

Two of Pearl Harbor's fishponds remain visible today. The rest generally were filled by agricultural development in the area in the early 1900s, predominantly for sugar cane cultivation. Loko Oki'oki'lepe, near the entrance to West Loch on the west side of the entrance channel, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The pond wall, approximately 1,000 feet long, 4 feet high and 6.5 feet wide, is made of coral chunks and remains relatively intact. It encloses approximately six acres.

"The fishponds of Pearl Harbor represent significant technological advancements in aquaculture to allow intensification of marine resource production beyond naturally occurring populations and symbolize the power and socio-

political complexity of Hawaiian chiefdoms between the 14th and 19th centuries A.D.," said Dr. Eric West, supervisory archaeologist at Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific Division.

"Okiokilepe as a National Register property is being preserved in place, meaning we are not disturbing it. We also carefully limit human use and access, furthering its preservation for future study," West explained.

A remnant from Loko Pa'aiau, given a date of between 1327 and 1473 AD based on plant pollen found in sediment core samples, can be seen on the west side of McGrew Point. Two ponds, Kunana and Muliwai, were filled, creating Kuahua Peninsula to the south of where Halawa Stream enters Pearl Harbor. Kunana has sediments dated between 1263 and 1436 while Muliwai is believed to be of later use, having sediments dated between 1540 and 1791.

The largest pond, Hanaloa, on Waipio Peninsula, emptied into West Loch and covered more than 200 acres. Other smaller ponds were in front of today's Boutiki, at the head of Merry Loch under today's Ward Field, and at the head of Quarry Loch under today's Millican Field.

Knowing that today's harbor was once ringed with productive fishponds may provide a sense of respect for the ingenuity of those who were here before us. It may also help us appreciate the opportunity to make use of this place for national defense purposes today while we do our best to protect the natural and cultural resources entrusted to our care.

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# Women in Hawaiian history will be focus of May 20 event

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As part of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, a Distinctive Women in Hawaiian History Program will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 20 at Makai Recreation Center, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam (JBPHH). Makai Recreation Center is located at building 1859, McChord Street.

The professional development seminar event featuring leadership models from Hawaiian history is open to military personnel, their spouses, and the military’s civilian workforce.

Bring a brown bag lunch or pre-purchase hot dog, chips and drink. Hosting commands for event are Navy Region Hawaii and JBPHH in cooperation with Hawaii Council for the Humanities. Stories of Hawaii will be presented by speakers from Kapiolani Community College and University of Hawaii at Manoa. The event will include storytelling and dramat-



Photo Courtesy Guava Graphics  
Queen Kapiolani seated in a chair.

ic performance about the former 1800s leper colony at Kalaupapa, Molokai.

The seminar will feature opening comments from Air Force Col. Eva S. Jenkins, commander, 692nd Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group.

The program will also include



Photo courtesy of the Nuanu Congregational Church archives  
Yeiko Mizobe So with the five ladies (three standing behind, two seated on either side of So) from the Japanese Home for Women (circa 1895-1905).

discussions of:

- Queen Kapiolani with presenter Colette Higgins, professor of history, Kapiolani Community College.
- “Hawaiian Letter Writing Woman: Queen Emma.”

Presenters of the discussion will be Craig Howes, director, Center for Biographical Research, University of Hawaii at Manoa; Victoria Nalani Kneubuhl, playwright and novelist and actor Wil Kahele.

- “Yeiko Mizobe So: Immigrant Women’s Tale of Turmoil.” The presenter will be Kelli Y. Nakamura, history instructor, Kapiolani Community College.

- “Dora Moon and the Korean Women’s Relief Society of WWII Hawaii.” The presenter will be Julie Rancilio, assistant professor of History Kapiolani Community College.

- “Embracing and elebrating Filipino heritage while in service” to the nation. Presenters include Rear Adm. Raquel Bono, command surgeon, U.S. Pacific Command and Command Master Chief Marc F. Sibal, region command master chief, Navy Region Hawaii.

Register online for the event through May 17 at <http://ow.ly/l4waY>

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## NAVFAC Pacific embraces diverse workforce, kicks off Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

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Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Pacific kicked off Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with a May Day celebration May 9.

“Today we pause and reflect on our friendship and camaraderie and take time to appreciate and enjoy Hawaii’s culture,” said Rear Adm. Scott Weikert, NAVFAC Pacific commander.

“It’s important to embrace and learn about the local values and customs because we are all members of this wonderful and diverse community.”

The national theme of this year’s heritage month is “Building

Leadership: Embracing Cultural Values and Inclusion.” The May Day celebration provided the opportunity for employees to embrace diversity, celebrate the Hawaiian culture, and experience its traditions.

One learning opportunity featured exhibits showcasing several replicas of artifacts found in the Pacific, including models of native Hawaiian artifacts. The display allowed employees to learn more about NAVFAC’s cultural resource mission and how it ties into its construction operations.

Another educational opportunity was learning how to make a lei, which is commonly used in Hawaii. The instruction was taught by volunteers within the workforce.

In addition to educational opportunities, a lei-making contest and assort-

ments of local and international foods were available.

Entertainment was performed by a magician and local live band.

“The event had a perfect balance from start to finish,” said Chantel Foster, NAVFAC Pacific administrative support assistant. “It gives me a simple reminder that we come from an incredible place with special people. It is the *aloha* spirit.”

According to Hawaii History.org, Lei Day became an official holiday in 1929. During those first years, the event included the selection of a Lei Day queen and court. Lei Day celebrations continue today, marking the first day of May with lei-making competitions, concerts and the giving and receiving of lei among friends and families.

## Events at JBPHH to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Remaining events in May to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam include:

- May 17-18, Asian trio dish menu at Sam Choy’s Island Style Seafood Grille.

- May 20, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., professional development seminar at Makai Recreation Center, building 1859, McChord St.

- May 22, Asian cuisine at the Pearl Harbor dining facility.

- May 22, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., multi-cultural taste fest at Makai Recreation Center.

- Asian Pacific exhibits will be displayed all month at the Hickam Library.

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# Hagel announces fewer furlough days for DOD employees

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After weeks of review, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel has concluded budget cuts will require most of the department's civilian employees to be furloughed beginning in July. Because of other efforts to deal with the budget shortfall, only half of the 22 days originally envisioned as temporary layoffs will now be necessary.

During a town hall meeting May 14 at the Mark Center in Alexandria, Va., Hagel told Defense Department employees that most will be required to take 11 furlough days beginning July 8, one per pay period, through the end of the fiscal year, Sept. 30. Hagel noted that when he took the oath of office less than three months ago, post-sequester plans called for 22 furlough days. Congress allowed the department to shift or reprogram some funds in March that cut that number to 14. Now, he said, as maintenance, training, flying hours and ship deployments are increasingly affected, he had no choice but to authorize the furloughs.

"We kept going back. And finally, we got to a point where I could not responsibly go any deeper into cutting or jeopardizing our formations, our readiness and training," he said.

porarily laid off by half.

It may be possible later in the year to "knock that back" to an even lower number,

the secretary said, but he emphasized that he could not promise such an outcome.

"I won't promise that," Hagel said. "You deserve fair, honest, direct conversation about this, and I'm not going to be cute with you at all. This is where we are. We'll continue to look at it, [and] we'll continue to do everything we can."

Hagel said the furloughs will affect every military department and almost every agency, with limited exceptions. "We will except civilians deployed to combat zones and civilians necessary to protect life and property," he wrote in his memo, adding that others will be excepted if forcing them to stay off the job would not free up money for other needs.

Employees set to be furloughed will begin receiving written notification June 5. In March, defense officials had told civilian employees to expect as many as 22 furlough days during the current fiscal year, part of department-wide efforts to slash spending in response to across-the-board budget cuts known as sequestration. In the time since, Hagel has been working to avoid or reduce the temporary layoffs, saying he had sought advice from department leaders and agencies, both civilian and military, but found no other way to help in closing the budget gap.

In his memo Tuesday, Hagel said if the budget situation eases, he would strongly prefer to end the furloughs early. "That is a decision I will make later in the year," he added.

See the complete text of Hagel's memo here: <http://ow.ly/l2sdF>.

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## Military expresses thanks to school

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Region Hawaii and Naval Surface Group Middle Pacific.

"You appreciated us, but I'm telling you this, we appreciated you," said Ponds. Ponds then asked each service member to stand and on the count of three, all service members yelled, "Go Falcons."

First to perform in the program were the preschoolers, kindergarteners and first grade students who sang "America," followed by second, third and fourth graders singing "This Land is Your Land." It ended with fifth and sixth graders singing "Proud to be an American," while holding U.S. flags.

"This is my first time participating in an event like this," said Information Systems Technician (SW) 2nd Class Charlene Blanks

of Pensacola, Fla., assigned to Port Royal.

"It's really nice seeing the kids show their appreciation for the service members. They're at an age where they know what the military do and the sacrifice they make. These kids are just awesome," she said.

The event ended with the service members taking home poster banner artwork made by the students.

According to Reyes, "Every year there is a mad dash to the wall to get a particular banner. Some of our banners have been displayed at the command offices or sent away to Afghanistan or Iraq."

"Coming here this morning made me feel very much appreciated," said Yeoman 3rd Class (SW) Lashundra Hill of Brookhaven, Miss., assigned to Port Royal. "Seeing the kids put on a show for us made me proud to be in the Navy and the service."